

being able to be brought into abutment with the body about the orifice and the outlet being connectable to a suction means, and an orifice engaging means that is insertable within the bodily orifice and substantially seals said bodily orifice when the inlet of the chamber is in abutment with the body.

8. (Amended) The device of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the inlet is located at a first end of the chamber and the outlet of the chamber is located at a second end of the chamber distal the first end.

16. (Amended) The device of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the chamber has a further orifice formed therein to allow pressure equalization between the interior and exterior of the chamber.

41. (Amended) The device of claim 39 wherein the expansion of the balloon member occludes the bodily orifice about the catheter thereby preventing relative movement of the catheter to the bodily orifice.

49. (Amended) The device of claim 47 wherein the orifice engaging means further includes a means to introduce an irrigating fluid into the orifice of a patient.

50. (Amended) The device of claim 47 wherein the orifice engaging means comprises an articulated jaw member.

53. (Amended) The device of claim 51 wherein the combination of the jaw member and the sleeve acts as both the means of delivering an irrigating fluid to within the bodily orifice and an outlet for waste exiting the orifice.

70. (Amended) The device of claim 1 or claim 2 when used in the evacuation of waste product from artificial stomas including colostomies.

REMARKS

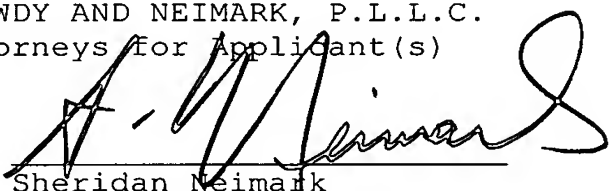
The above claim amendments are made to eliminate improper multi-dependencies in order to conform with 37 CFR 1.75(c) and insure examination of all claims. The amendments are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicant respectfully awaits the results of a first examination on the merits.

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